NPN/ALPN Customization

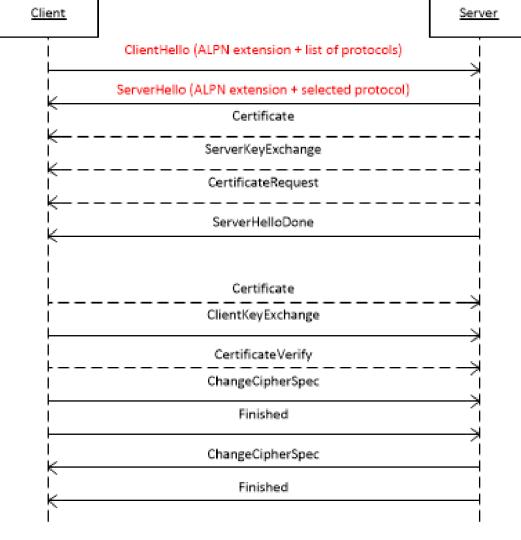
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What is NPN/ALPN

- NPN (Next Protocol Negotiation) and ALPN (Application-Layer Protocol Negotiation) are Transport Layer Security (TLS) extensions.
- Allow the application layers to negotiate which protocol should be used over the TLS connection by avoiding additional round trips
- Independent of the application layer protocols.
- NPN used to negotiate SPDY
- ♦ ALPN used to select HTTP/2

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Issues in current implementation

- Fixed NPN list advertised per TLS port
- ALPN selects the first server-offered protocol from the advertised list
- Hard to introduce new protocols
- Need to be able to customize NPN list for different domains
- SNI extension from Client-Hello

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Customize the list..

- The knowledge of what protocols are available/registered is in the Acceptor objects created during initialization
- Plugins do not have access to the Acceptor object associated with an incoming TLS connection
- SSLNetVConnection has a npnSet that is fixed per TLS port based on the protocols/endpoints available on that port
- Proposal is to add a pointer to the Acceptor object (base class SessionAccept) in the SSLNetVConnection (netVC)
- Initialize the SesisonAccept pointer in the netVC during Accept

Plugin design proposal

- Plugin allows configuring a custom NPN list based on SNI
- During init, plugin calls a TS API to validate the configured NPN list against each Acceptor object and return the allowed Acceptor objects
- Plugin then maintains a mapping of {SNI, Acceptor} to configured custom list
- When a TLS connection is made and the SNI hook is invoked, the plugin would use the SNI + netVC's acceptor object to locate the custom list